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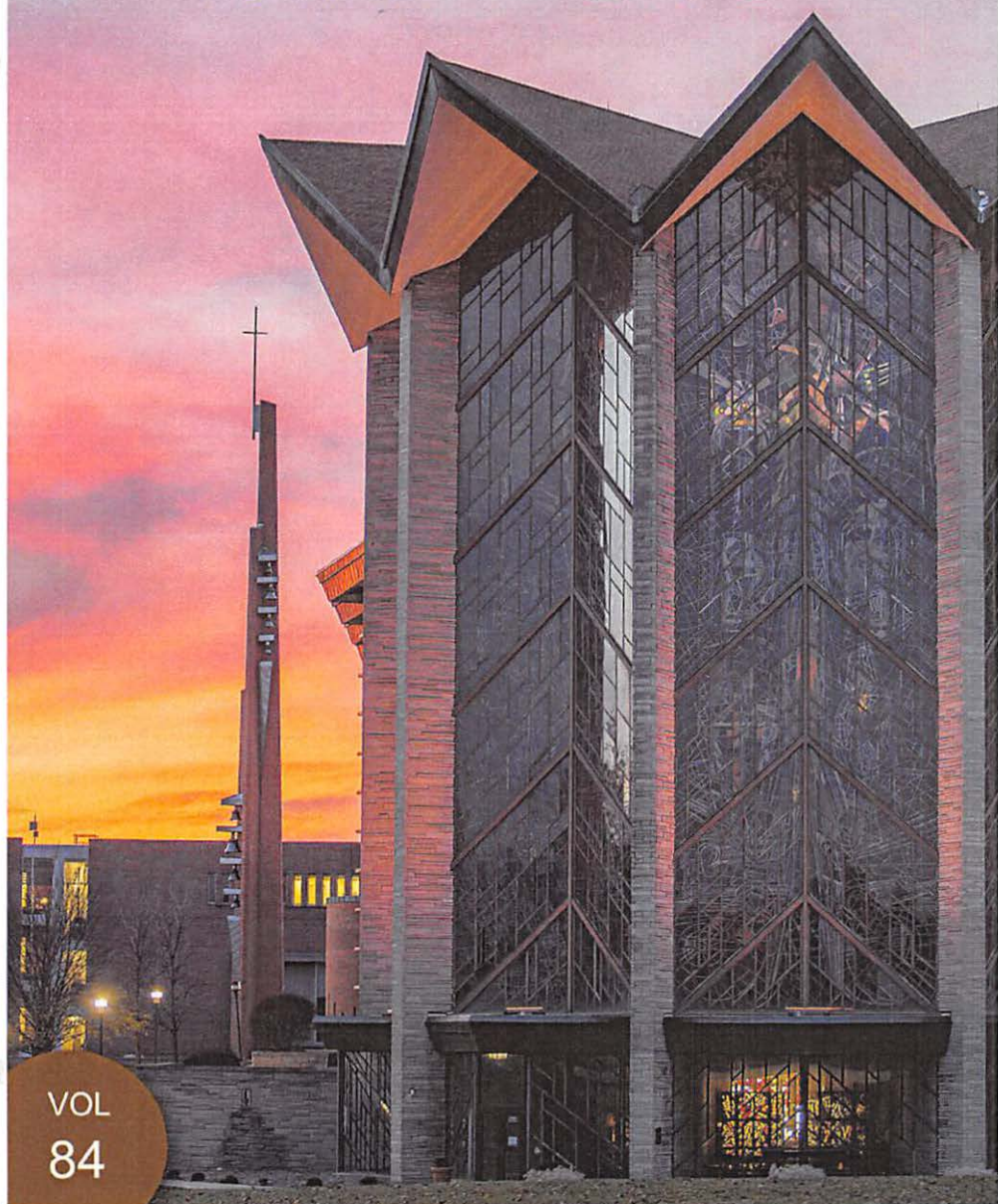
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Words from the Chair



Hello and Happy New Year from your Guild Board Chair!

I am honored to have been elected to serve as the Guild Board Chair for 2015. I am also deeply grateful for the leadership that Deb Evans has provided as the Guild chair during the past two years, and the guidance she has provided me during this transition. And, of course, I cannot forget the eight women who will be serving alongside me this year — their leadership and

dedication are remarkable. We are all blessed to be a part of this great Guild organization.

The Guild Board is truly excited about this upcoming year. After all, the Guild has a prominent legacy with a lively future.

The Guild office on campus, together with the Guild Board, has been striving to create ways to highlight the Guild's prominent legacy. As a Guild member, what can you expect in 2015? Soon there will be a Wikipedia site detailing the Guild's contributions to Valparaiso University from the early days to the present.

We aren't an organization that rests on its laurels, though, are we? We are riding a wave of renewed energy and enthusiasm into 2015. For example, the financial picture for the Guild is solid (see pp. 4), which allowed the Board to fund all campus gift grant proposals this academic year. The cheers were thunderous when this was announced at the annual Guild meeting on campus in October.

The Board and the Guild office intend to build on this momentum by undertaking a comprehensive communication strategy. In 2015, you will receive more frequent updates about Guild activity, the Guild website will be enhanced, and you will hear more about our Guild scholarship recipients.

As you can see, the Guild really does have a prominent legacy with a bright future. In order to sustain this legacy and provide for the future, the Guild Board has committed to a two-year focused initiative to raise enough money by December 2016 to fully fund eight scholarships annually at \$5,000. You can expect to hear much more about this in the weeks to come. In the meantime, please remember to renew your memberships, participate in fundraising activities when you can, ask two friends to join the Guild this year, and pray for the continued success of Valparaiso University and all its students.

In Thy Light,
Victoria

Newly Elected Members of the

Guild Board of Directors



Victoria Flood '92, Des Plaines, Ill.

Victoria has been an active member of the Guild since 2000. She has been very active on the Bylaws, Governance, and Student Impact committees. Victoria also currently serves on the Christ College Alumni Advisory Board. She began her term as Board Chair on Jan. 1, 2015.

As a Guild Board member, Victoria looks forward to connecting with recent graduates to explore options for them to be involved with the Guild. She is also passionate about strengthening the unity and purpose among the entire membership. Victoria says, "I believe strategic planning with intentional implementation are keys to a successful organization. I can contribute by helping to create the necessary processes it takes to effectively implement the Guild's plans."



Sylvia Dukles '62 Luckens, Valparaiso, Ind.

Sylvia has been actively involved with the Guild for more than 40 years. She has served as an area director, as well as a national vice president for marketing and communications.

At the local level, Sylvia was actively involved in her chapter by serving in various officer positions.

Sylvia sees the strength of the Guild to be its position as a "unique entity, like no other, with a rich history of loyal service, enthusiasm, and support that has resulted in raising awareness of Valparaiso University, understanding its needs, and garnering amazing financial support." As a board member, Sylvia will use her strong communication and listening skills, as well as her ideas to envision opportunities for volunteers to further advance Guild membership and fundraising activities.

Treasurer's Report

Valparaiso University Guild Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

Receipts

Membership Dues, Donations, Matching Funds	61,514
Fundraising Gross Proceeds	80,882
Fundraising Expenses	(42,195)
Total	\$100,201

Disbursements

Allocation to Guild Endowment Fund	61,514
Guild Campus Gift Grants	42,300
Total	\$103,814

Spending Allocation - Guild Support Endowment Fund	32,969
Guild Office Operating Expenses	(20,785)
Excess over expenses	12,184

Endowment Fund Balances:

Guild Scholars Fund	646,077
Past National Officers Fund	129,206
Shirley Judd Memorial Fund	68,584
Undergraduate Research Fund	273,868
Guild Office Support Fund	1,051,754
Norma May Encouragers Fund	22,384

Total	\$2,191,873
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Guild Awards \$42,300 in Grants - The University Guild was able to fully fund all 15 Campus Gift Grant requests on this year's ballot — the highest amount ever awarded through this program. A full list of this year's recipients is posted on the Guild website, valpo.edu/guild.

Special thanks to all those who took part in the sales of evergreens, care packages, pecans, and concessions at the football stand, as well as those attending other fundraising events throughout the year. Your hard work and generosity continues to support the student experience at Valparaiso University.

Guild Fund Surpasses \$1 Million - Established in 2006, the Guild Endowment Fund was designed to collect Guild membership dollars and gifts and invest them in such a way to be able to fund expenses from the interest earnings. As of June 30, 2014, the balance of this fund has surpassed the million-dollar mark, and the fund now generates enough to cover the Guild's non-salary operating expenses and more.

2014 Guild Campus Grants

Christus Rex and Communion Rail Restoration Chapel of the Resurrection

This project completes the chancel refurbishment, continues the current round of historically accurate upgrades to the Chapel, and provides necessary maintenance to the iconic Christus Rex cross, along with the refinishing of the wood of the communion rail.

Outdoor Movie Equipment University Programming Council

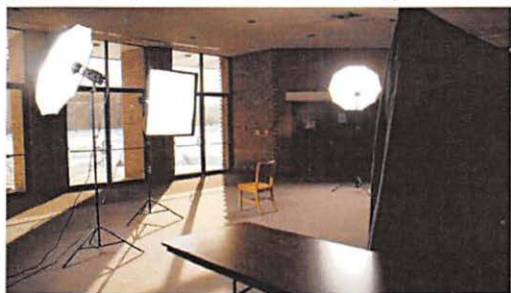
The University Programming Council sent a wonderful thank you note for their new ability to host movies outside with their own equipment. Ownership of the outdoor movie equipment allows the council to have more scheduling flexibility, which hopefully will result in increased participation. The Guild also has been invited to attend any of these outdoor movie nights.



Members of the University Programming Council

Beacon Professional Photography The Beacon

The Beacon staff has a portable studio lighting setup to use for yearbook photos. The photographers can now set up professional photo shoots of all organizations and the faculty and staff, which creates continuity and ultimately better photos that will be included for the Beacon that will grace many future Homecomings.



Safety Equipment Arts and Sciences Building Safety Commission

The Arts and Sciences Building Safety Commission received funding for CPR training for nine staff members, an automatic external defibrillator (AED), an evacuation chair, a transport chair, and three first aid stations. The building houses approximately 100 faculty and staff, and it services students each class hour, five days a week. The staff will be properly trained for emergencies to assist students who require first aid before emergency personnel arrive on the scene.

Automation Software WVUR Radio

WVUR Radio Automation software enables WVUR to broadcast 24/7 and provide students with the ability to work in a professional environment. This upgrade gives students a professional level radio experience and better prepares them for their careers.

Renewable Energy Zone Mechanical Engineering Department

The "Renewable Energy Zone" will soon be home to a photovoltaic unit and a wind turbine that will convert solar and wind power into electricity. The funds are being used to offset costs to permanently install the renewable energy zone, creating external infrastructure for equipment that already exists. Engineering students are exposed to renewable energy instrumentation and devices, and they have the opportunity to work on renewable energy research.

2014 Guild Campus Grants

Intramural Sports Equipment Intramural Advisory Council

The Intramural Advisory Council has purchased new volleyball equipment for the Intramural Sports Program. The funds have been used to obtain poles, nets, and balls. The Intramural Sports Program reaches approximately 425 students per year, and volleyball is one of the most popular programs offered.



Web Conference Upgrade Information Technologies

Funds for this project will upgrade the Shield Room in the Harre Union with the necessary equipment and system programming to enable HD quality web conferencing. Students and staff are now able to collaborate and communicate via free web conferencing applications such as Skype and Google Hangouts without additional equipment. The Guild may also have opportunities to utilize this new technology.

Stress Management and Relaxation Room Counseling Services

The Counseling Services Center now has updated relaxation software and a comfortable relaxation chair. These items help students, faculty, and staff learn various anxiety reduction methods to promote improved mental health.

Student Organization Suite Cricut Request Union/Student Activities

The Student Organization Suite purchased a Cricut Expression electronic paper cutter and font cartridges and accessories. This machine cuts unique designs and letters used to accentuate posters or bulletin boards. This machine will be available to all students and student organizations through the Student Organization Suite in the Union. Check out the quality of the bulletin board!

Kantorei and Chorale/Chapel Choir Retreat Music Department

The demands for a significant amount of music preparation by both the Chorale and the Kantorei, in response to their worship and concert participation, is greatly enhanced by experiencing an off-campus retreat at the beginning of the academic year. The newly formed choirs immersed themselves in the semester's repertoire during extended rehearsal time, learned music, and began to develop their excellent choral technique. A retreat gave the students an opportunity to build a sense of community while learning the principles and practices of Lutheran worship.



2014 Guild Campus Grants

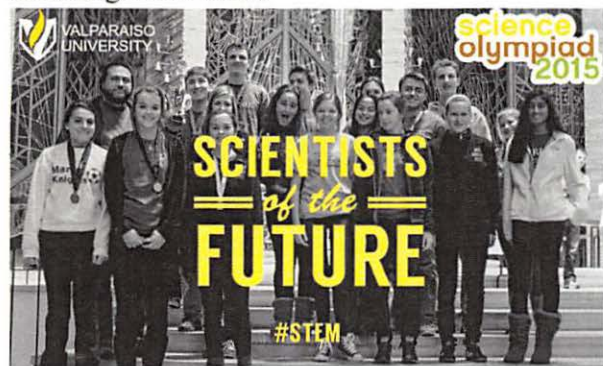
Society of Automotive Engineers Formula Hybrid Competition Society of Automotive Engineers

The Society of Automotive Engineers received the funds to cover travel expenses to a four-day International Formula Hybrid Competition in New Hampshire. This competition gives students practical engineering experience in the design and construction of a formula hybrid racecar, along with the opportunity to receive feedback from automotive judges. It also provides exposure to potential Valpo students, as there is interaction with middle and high school students.



Science Olympiad Valparaíso University Science Olympiad

The Valparaíso University Science Olympiad offers a competition on campus on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, for middle and high school students that raises awareness of math, science, and engineering programs. Valpo student volunteers coordinate the event, which attracts more than 1,000 people, including alumni, faculty, family, competitors, and volunteers and promotes the University to prospective students. Guild members are encouraged to attend.



The Chinese Cultural Exploration Project The Valparaíso University Chinese Student Association (VUCSA)

VUCSA is an organization that enhances the cultural sharing between Chinese students and American students. With the increased population of Chinese students, and the increased interest of American students in the Chinese culture, the VUCSA will use this funding to create an annual Cultural Day to promote dialogue and understanding of East Asian culture. There will be four components: display of Chinese fine arts and music; visual presentation of popular culture; invited guest speakers on Chinese civilization; and a hands-on workshop of folk arts. The day will end with "Taste of Chinese Food." Again, Guild members and their families are welcome to attend. We will post the dates on the Guild website when available.

Spring Break Service Trip Transportation The Harre Union

The funds received will cover the rental and operating costs for two vans for service trips during spring break sponsored by the Harre Union. The Guild is supporting students who serve those who need our help. The students will share news of their trip with us in future communications.

Cook Book Scholars



Elena Lutze
English & Vocal Performance
Valparaiso, Ind.

Elena has a very interesting connection to the Guild, or rather, to the Guild cookbook: "My maternal grandmother, paternal grandmother, and step-grandmother were all contributors and testers for the Guild cookbook. What's more is that all of the recipes were tried and approved before they were

accepted. The testing took place in my house all those years ago. I'm a bit of a legacy kid here at Valpo, because I have so many relatives who attended here before me.

I received a scholarship from the Guild, and I'm very grateful. But, I'm particularly proud of my connection to the Guild, because of my family history and all the good work they continue to do for the school.

I will graduate in the spring with two majors: English and vocal performance. I already know I will continue to cantor in church, as it has been my want for the past five years or so. However, without all those pesky papers in the way, I'll actually have time to sit down and write, which has always been a grand dream for me that I can finally allow to come to fruition."



Jacob Unger
Exercise Science with minors in
Business Administration and Human Biology
Apex, N.C.

Jacob shared his plan once he leaves Valpo to obtain his doctorate in physical therapy. In fact, Jacob has been recently interviewing for doctoral programs in North Carolina.

"I chose Valparaiso University, because I play on the soccer team, and I am following in the footsteps of my older siblings and other relatives who also graduated from Valpo.

The Guild scholarship allows me to attend school here and enjoy time with my friends in the Valpo community while easing the stress that will come when I need to start re-paying my student loans. Additionally, I was able to serve on the Guild Student Advisory Board and help guide the Guild with projects by providing insight into the student's mindset."



Madalyn Harvey
Junior Social Work
Major
Arcadia, Mich.



Catherine Long
Junior Exercise
Science Major with
Human Biology &
Coaching Minors
Katy, Texas



Mackenzie Allen
Sophomore
Electrical
Engineer
Oconomowoc, Wisc.



Rachael Tiemann
Sophomore
Psychology Major
with Biology Minor
Valencia, Calif.

Past National Guild Officers Scholarship



Lauren Skiniotes
Junior Art Major with
Physics & Mathematics
Minors
Joliet, Ill.

The Shirley Jud Scholarship



Shannon Segin
Junior Mathematics Major
Hoffman Estates, Ill.

The Bud Keller Scholarship



Sarah Pruitt
Junior Elementary
Education Major
Harbor City,
Calif.

Coming Events

University Chorale Spring Break Tour

Feb. 22

Trinity Lutheran Church
2700 Fulton St East
Grand Rapids MI 49506
Concert: 3 p.m. (EST)

March 1

Sunday morning services at
University Lutheran Church
of Hope – Minneapolis, MN
Service times: TBD

March 1

Beautiful Savior Lutheran
Church
5005 Northwest Blvd.
Plymouth, MN 55442
Concert: Time TBD

March 2

First Lutheran Church
327 S. Dakota Ave.
Sioux Falls, S.D. 57104
Concert: 7 p.m.

March 3

Grace Lutheran Church
25 Washington St.
Lincoln, NE 68502-2859
Concert: 7 p.m.

March 5

St. Paul Lutheran Church
2136 Brady St.
Davenport, IA 52803
Concert: 7 p.m.

March 6

Trinity Lutheran Church
801 S. Madison St.
Bloomington, IL 61701
Concert: 7 p.m.

March 7

Resurrection Lutheran
Church
45 E Stop 11 Road
Indianapolis, IN 46227
Concert: 7 p.m.

March 8

First Saint Paul's Lutheran
Church
1301 N. LaSalle Drive
Chicago, IL 60610

With thanks to our student
designer:
Anna Hayden-Roy '15

Celebrate the Guild Day of Prayer, April 13, 2015

The Guild Day of Prayer commenced in approximately 1990 to commemorate the anniversary of the Guild's founding on April 13, 1931. The Guild sent postcards to members asking them to pray for Valparaiso University and its students, faculty, and administrators on the founding date. Through the Day of Prayer and devotions, such as "In Thy Light" placed within the Guild Bulletin and the publication of "Our Hope for Years to Come" prayer book, the Guild was able to demonstrate its faith and lift up the organization.

Deaconess Lisa Scherzer '90 Polito, executive director of the Lutheran Deaconess Association and a Guild member, shares a prayer to give thanks for all of the members of the Valparaiso University Guild, past and present. Her prayer gives thanks for those women and men who continue to enhance the student experience at Valpo now, and for years to come.

Loving God, For the many blessings in our lives we
give you thanks ... for Valparaiso University ...
for those who had the vision to create it ... for those who lead
and serve there ... for those who study and learn there ... for
the Guild members who have faithfully supported the student
experience throughout all these years.

Endow us with patience to search for your wisdom; teach us to
speak the truth in a spirit of love; free us from fear to learn
from each other; and give us your grace to be different
together.

Guide the Guild and its members, lead us to joyful service,
empower our efforts to support the students of Valparaiso
University, bless
our fun and work together that it may all be done to your glory.

In the name of our Savior, in whose light we see light,

Amen.

*Please continue to pray for the mission of the Guild
and the students here at Valparaiso University.*

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